

OUR CONSUL SLAIN

William Magelssen at Beirut, Syria, Assassinated.

PRESIDENT IS ADVISED

European Squadron, Under Command of Rear Admiral Cotton, is Ordered to Scene to Demand Reparation from Turkey.

The state department received a cablegram from Minister Leischman at Constantinople, announcing that William G. Magelssen, United States vice consul at Beirut, Syria, was assassinated while riding in a carriage. The American minister immediately brought the crime to the attention of the government and demanded action by Turkey.

Acting Secretary Loomis cabled Minister Leischman instructing him to demand the immediate arrest and punishment of the persons guilty of the murder. No demand for money indemnity for the man's family has yet been made, but that probably will follow. Magelssen was a native American and was appointed from Minnesota.

Magelssen, who is a Scandinavian, was appointed vice consul at Beirut, September 29, 1909, by Consul Gabriel Bie Rayndal, who is of the same nationality. At the time of his appointment as vice consul he was a consular clerk in Turkey. Magelssen was appointed on the recommendation of Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, who says he was the son of a prominent Lutheran minister. He was born at Bratsburg, Freeborn county, Minnesota.

Minister Leischman's cablegram stated that the assassination occurred Sunday, the minister being informed of the crime by Consul Rayndal. The consul stated that the murderer was not seen and is not known.

The announcement of the assassination of the American vice consul following so closely upon the assassination of a Russian consul in Turkey created strong comment in official circles and the suggestion was made that such frequent assassinations indicate a very disturbed condition of affairs in the Turkish dominion. Minister Leischman gave no particulars of the assassination and the state department has no information as to the cause of the murder.

Beirut is a city on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean sea and is a place of considerable commercial importance.

Squadron Ordered to Beirut. President Roosevelt Thursday issued orders that the American European squadron, under command of Rear Admiral Cotton, should proceed at once to Beirut, in order to be in readiness to support any demand that the United States may make on account of the assassination.

The president is in close communication with the department at Washington, and will be kept fully advised of the details of the incident as they are ascertained.

In the absence of definite information concerning the assassination of the vice consul, the president will take no decided action beyond that already taken in ordering the European squadron to Beirut. Until the circumstances of the murder are known officially and precisely the United States, it is said, will not take any drastic action. A demand that officers from the United States be afforded protection for their lives and property will be made and the Turkish government will be held responsible for the assassination of Vice Consul Magelssen, whatever may be the circumstances of the case.

A dispatch from St. Paul, Minn., says: William Magelssen, vice consul at Beirut, Syria, who was assassinated Sunday, is a young man and a law partner of Consul Rayndal, who appointed him vice consul. Consul Rayndal is from North Dakota. Magelssen was appointed from Freeborn county, Minnesota, about two years ago.

MORE TIME FOR CAWTHORNE.

Condemned Man's Attorney Secures Stay of Execution at Last Moment.

Robert Cawthorne, the alleged destroyer of two innocent lives by poison, was to have died on the gallows at Eastman, Ga., last Wednesday, but by hard work one of the counsel for the defendant corrected the bill of execution and presented it to the court within the time limit, whereupon it was certified by Judge Roberts, and thus acts as a supersedeas.

Cawthorne was tried and convicted a few weeks ago of having poisoned Richard Tucker, the alleged motive being affection for the latter's wife.

FUSION IN NEBRASKA.

Democrats and Populists Once More Join Issues Politically.

The Nebraska democratic state convention was called to order at Columbus Tuesday night.

The most important action taken by the convention was a decision to pool issues with the populists in both the state and national campaigns.

OIL MEN MEET.

Independent Owners in Georgia Merge Interests at Secret Gathering.

The independent cotton seed oil mill owners of Georgia convened in Macon Wednesday afternoon and before an adjournment had been accomplished another combine was launched upon the commercial seas of the south.

It was with the greatest secrecy and care the deliberations of the independent mill owners came together, did their work and then went their way.

TRAIN BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Insurgents in Macedonia Resort to Dastardly Plan of Warfare—Seven Killed and Fifteen Hurt.

Advices from Sofia, Bulgaria, state that an eastbound express train from Budapest for Constantinople was blown up near Kuleli Bargas, about 25 miles south of Adrianople, early Thursday morning, killing seven persons and injuring fifteen.

Dynamite bombs were used. Every car was smashed. Apparently the outrage was the work of revolutionists who traveled on the train.

The bomb which wrecked the train was thrown by a third-class passenger who was in the buffet car. Only two cars were destroyed. The dead include two Mussulman women, two children and three trainmen.

The continued absence of news from the interior of Macedonia, where is a widespread interruption of telegraphic communication is causing much uneasiness to Turkish officials in Sofia, and much unrest among the public.

The difficulties of getting anything but rumors from the interior of Turkey or any other part of the country are very great. When a correspondent finally succeeds in getting through, the difficulties have only commenced. He is not allowed to move without an escort, which carefully prevents him seeing or hearing anything. The correspondents who went to Monastir during the troubles earlier in the year were surrounded by a guard which, under the guise of hospitality and care for their safety, prevented them getting near the fighting or other newly incidents—in short, practically kept them prisoners. The telegraph wires, of course, are not open to correspondents except for news satisfactory to the Turks. Letters are opened and suppressed if considered undesirable.

MINISTERS SCORE ROOSEVELT.

Protest Against that Message of Concurrence on Pope's Death.

The New York and New England ministerial conference of the Evangelical Lutheran synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states, in session in Utica, N. Y., Thursday adopted resolutions saying that—

"Whereas, The letter of the constitution of the United States demands a separation of church and state, and the principles always upheld by the Roman papacy are diametrically opposed to our governmental principles; and

"Whereas, It is clear that the president and other officials in sending condolences to the papal secretary of state on the death of Leo XIII, paying their respects, have taken it upon themselves without any authorization of this country, without distinction of confession, and have thereby actually denied the governmental principles for which the fathers of our country bled and died, have abused their office and violated the trust and confidence reposed in them by the people; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we, satisfied that in this we are voicing the sentiment of all loyal Americans, do most earnestly and emphatically protest against any action taken by the president and other public officials with reference to the demise of the late pope, whereby they accorded official recognition of the papacy."

Copies of these resolutions, signed by the committee, were sent to President Roosevelt and to Secretary Hay.

FOURTH RACE A FLUKE.

Death of Wind Forestalls Contest Between Reliance and Shamrock.

With Reliance less than a third of a mile from the finish and Shamrock III hull down on the horizon, fully two miles astern of the defender the fourth race of the present series for the America's cup was declared off Thursday because of the expiration of the time limit of five hours and thirty minutes.

Rich Gold Find in Mexico. A dispatch from Oaxaca City, Mexico, says: Excitement is at fever heat over the finding of a wonderfully rich gold deposit at Ejutla.

TO EXTERMINATE BULGARIANS

Is Decree of the "Unspeakable Turk."

Utmost Limit Reached.

Advices of Wednesday from Sofia, Bulgaria, state that the Turks' repressive measures in Macedonia have reached the utmost limits of barbarism and it is evident that it is the intention to accomplish by degrees the total extermination of the Bulgarian population.

Within the last few days twelve more Christian villages have been handed over to fire and sword, and the women, children and the aged have been massacred indiscriminately.

ELDER TAKEN FOR VAGRANT.

Colored Preacher Bound Under the New Georgia Law.

At Ocella, Ga., Judge Henderson bound over five negroes charged with vagrancy under the new Calvin law. Among them was a negro preacher, who produced his papers showing that he was a presiding elder of the Methodist church. He claimed that he had twenty-two churches under his charge.

COLOMBIANS TO RECONSIDER.

Senate to Resume Consideration of the Subject of Canal Treaty.

Unofficial, but what is considered entirely reliable information, has been received by Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge d'affaires in Washington, indicating an intention on the part of the Colombian senate to resume consideration of the subject of a Panama canal treaty in place of the one disapproved by that body on the 12th instant. This shows a decided change in the urn of affairs and the matter may yet be carried to a successful conclusion.

TAFT AND WRIGHT

Named for Promotion Anent Vacancy in Cabinet.

ROOT VACATES OFFICE

Resignation Was Placed in President's Hands August 19th—Will Nominally Hold, However, Until January 1st.

A special dispatch from Oyster Bay says: General Luke E. Wright, of Memphis, Tenn., will succeed Judge Taft as governor general of the Philippines when the latter becomes secretary of war next January, in succession to Elihu Root.

President Roosevelt Tuesday afternoon authorized the Associated Press to make the announcement that the post had been offered to General Wright and that he had accepted it.

General Wright is now a member of the Philippines commission and vice governor of the islands. He is a life long democrat.

President Roosevelt spoke in terms of high praise of General Wright's ability and fitness for the position of governor general. He entertains a sincere regard for him both personally and officially. Both the president and Secretary Root regard General Wright as a man of proved executive ability, his services as a member of the Philippines commission having been of a distinguished character.

During Governor Taft's sojourn in this country General Wright was acting governor general and his conduct of the office was a source of congratulation to the administration.

General Wright is popular not only with Americans in the Philippines, but also with the Filipinos, who hold him only second in their estimation to Governor Taft.

Secretary Root, under date of August 19, presented his resignation formally to the president. The resignation was accepted by the president with the understanding that Mr. Root continue as secretary of war at least until the first of January next.

President Roosevelt Tuesday authorized the following statement: "The president some months ago tendered the secretaryship of war to Judge Taft and at that time it was arranged that he would succeed Secretary Root. Secretary Root will go out of office some time in January and Judge Taft will assume the duties of the office shortly afterward."

The president also authorized the publication of the correspondence between him and Secretary Root concerning the latter's resignation. In his letter of resignation Mr. Root says he wishes to retire to private life and thinks his resignation should be in the president's hands before his departure for England to attend the sessions of the Alaskan boundary commission.

Mr. Root concludes: "I shall carry with me unabated loyalty to your administration, confidence in the sound conservatism and patriotic unselfishness of your policy and enduring gratitude for the kindness and consideration with which your friendship has honored me."

To this letter the president replied at length, saying in part:

"It is hard indeed for me to accept your resignation, and I do so not only with keen personal regret, but with a lively understanding of the gap your withdrawal will create in public life. My sense of personal loss is very great, and yet my sense of the loss to the nation as a whole is even greater. You have been over four years secretary of war. I wonder if you yourself realize how much you have accomplished during that period."

"Your duties have included more than merely the administration of the department and reorganization of the army on an effective basis. You have also been the head of the department which dealt with the delicate problems involved in our possession of the Philippine islands, and your success in dealing with this part of the work has been as signal as your success in dealing with the purely military problems."

IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE.

Negroes Want White Men, Convicted of Peonage, Pardoned.

Judge Thomas G. Jones, of the United States court at Montgomery, Ala., received a petition Thursday signed by several hundred negroes of Coosa and Tallapoosa counties asking him to suspend the sentences of George and Buranos Cosby, who pleaded guilty to holding negroes in a condition of peonage.

The petition states that these cases have caused a bitter feeling between the two races, and that the Cosbys are good citizens of the community.

CALEB POWERS ON STAND.

Declares He Had No Part in the Assassination of Goebel.

At Georgetown, Ky., Thursday night, before an audience packing the Scott county court house to the doors, Caleb Powers, on trial for the murder of Goebel, spoke for two hours in his own defense, declaring his innocence of the charges against him and pleading for his acquittal.

SHAMROCK DOES SOME BETTER.

Lipton's Boat Was Beaten Only by Close Margin in Second Race.

For the second time Reliance defeated Shamrock III Tuesday, winning the race by the close margin of 1 minute and 19 seconds. For more than two hours the ships were lost in the haze.

Bar, as usual, got the start of the British vessel, the Reliance crossing the starting line at 11:30:36 and the Shamrock at 11:42 with a clear seven knot breeze blowing.

WILSON ANSWERS BUTLER

Interesting Passage Between Ex-Senator and Secretary of the Agricultural Department.

A Washington special says: Former Senator M. C. Butler, of South Carolina, in an interview published in New York Monday morning, takes Secretary of Agriculture Wilson to task for his recent criticism of the men who are manipulating the present cotton crop.

He says that Messrs. Brown and Hayne, to whom Secretary Wilson refers as gamblers, have done more for the production of cotton in a few months than the department of agriculture has done in ten years.

Secretary Wilson, referring to the criticism of Former Senator Butler, said:

"I hope the business men of whom he speaks will see to it that these prices continue until the cotton growers sell the cotton crop."

"If that would be done I will take off my hat to General Butler and say to him that I regard him as a general public benefactor, who has been able to see further ahead into the future than we poor fellows of the department of agriculture."

"But if, on the other hand, it should occur that the price of cotton is dropped when the planter is ready to market his new crop down to 7 or 8 cents, instead of 12 or 15, then, of course, I shall still adhere to my opinion that the manipulation of the present cotton corner by the gamblers of whom I spoke is doing infinite mischief."

CRUM WAS GOLD-BRICKED.

Charleston's Colored Collector of Customs Corralled by Swindlers.

In addition to his various troubles as collector of the port at Charleston, W. D. Crum has allowed the famous Daniels gang of New York operators of "get rich quick" schemes to rone him in.

Another Charleston victim is Alonzo C. Cambridge, colored, a cigar maker by trade.

It is not known how much money Crum and Cambridge are out of pocket, but the list of victims in the possession of the assistant district attorney of New York state, who is prosecuting the case against Daniels, includes the names of Collector Crum and Cambridge.

MOB MEMBER SENTENCED.

First Conviction Growing Out of the Riots at Danville, Illinois.

At Danville, Ill., Tuesday, Winfield Baker, formerly of the mountains of Kentucky, was convicted in the circuit court, of assault to murder Sheriff Whitlock. He was sentenced to a term of from one to fourteen years.

This is the first conviction and trial of a member of the mob that attacked the Danville jail the latter part of July, after having lynched the negro, James Metcalf, and burned his body.

The trial of eight others accused of being in the mob was begun late in the afternoon. Beattie Lodge, the woman accused of inciting the mob, is too ill to be tried and the trial was postponed.

A Year's Business in Florida.

According to statistics gathered by the Times-Union, the following figures show a year's business in Florida in the lines mentioned:

Fruit crops	.....	\$ 2,884,109
Field crops	.....	13,219,704
Vegetable crops	.....	2,206,003
Stock, poultry, etc.	.....	3,806,367
Lumber and timber	.....	10,848,403
Cigars and tobacco	.....	11,724,392
Other manufactures	.....	10,719,201
Naval stores	.....	7,824,918
Phosphates and clay	.....	6,815,050
Fish, sponges, oysters, etc.	.....	2,489,110
Cottonseed products	.....	650,000
Hides, skins, furs	.....	264,804
Herbs, berries, moss, fibers	.....	153,200
Total output	.....	\$73,605,252

Corpses Left Lying in the Streets of

Kruschevo are Gnawed by Dogs.

Monastir, European Turkey, Tuesday, August 25. The once beautiful city of Kruschevo is a heap of ruins. The women and children are homeless, exposed to the weather and famine. The town is rendered uninhabitable by the odor of corpses, which are being gnawed by dogs and pigs. The Turkish authorities are refusing to allow them to be removed under the pretext that an inquest will be held.

NEW DUTY FOR BAGGAGEMEN.

In Special Cases They are Authorized to Act as Regular Mail Clerks.

Postmaster General Payne issued a formal order Tuesday authorizing the delivery of unpouched newspaper mail by baggage masters. The regulation is made by amending the postal laws and regulations.

MAJOR SMITH LAID TO REST.

Mortal Remains of "Bill Arp" Consigned to Last Resting Place.

The funeral of Major Charles H. Smith (Bill Arp) took place from the First Presbyterian church in Cartersville, Ga., Wednesday morning, conducted by Rev. H. C. White, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. Sam P. Jones, the well known evangelist.

Pursuant to the wish of the family in keeping with Major Smith's views of life, there was nothing of an ostentatious nature, but the funeral was a simple home affair.

Many beautiful floral offerings were received.

SENATOR HANNA PROSTRATED.

Stomach Trouble and Intense Heat Force Him to Take His Bed.

Senator Hanna was taken suddenly ill while in his office at Cleveland, Ohio, Tuesday, and a physician who was called ordered that he go to bed at once.

Mr. Hanna, the doctor stated, was suffering from stomach trouble, and this, together with the intense heat prevailing, caused the trouble.

SOUNDS LIKE "FISH" STORY.

Drove of Blackbirds Assist Farmers in Annihilating Caterpillars.

According to report, countless thousands of black birds suddenly appearing in great droves settled upon the cotton fields near Americus, Ga., Tuesday morning and played havoc with the caterpillars.

The appearance of the blackbirds astonished the farmers, as these birds always come in the fall season and are never seen in summer.

Florida State News.

Gov. Jennings Announces for Senate.

Governor William S. Jennings authorizes the announcement that he will be a candidate before the next democratic primary election for the nomination for United States senator. For a year or more there has been a general understanding, amounting almost to certain knowledge, that at the proper time the governor would announce his purpose to be a candidate for the senatorship, and the newspapers of the state have commented quite generally upon his candidacy. The governor has up to this time, however, refrained from making any public statement for the reason that he regards the proper and conscientious discharge of his duties as governor as a sacred obligation, which must be made paramount to every other consideration. He has firmly resolved that nothing whatever shall in any wise interfere with the duties of his present office, and it is only after laying the heaviest emphasis upon that determination that he has authorized the formal announcement that he will be a candidate before the next democratic primary for the United States senatorship.

Wants Sabbath Laws Enforced.

The Pensacola Sunday League, recently organized, has sent letters to the sheriff and mayor demanding rigid enforcement of the Sabbath observance laws, which have become gradually relaxed since their temporary enforcement a month ago. The mayor replied that the laws were state statutes, and that he had no authority for their enforcement. The sheriff refused to do anything in the matter unless those who called for the enforcement of the laws would swear out warrants for the arrest of the offenders.

Rumors of the construction of an electric street railway in St. Augustine are again in the air. This time it is reported that Jacksonville capitalists are after a franchise, and that application will soon be made to the city council for the passage of an ordinance and the granting of the franchise. The capitalists propose to build a belt line, running from the waterworks, on San Marco avenue, through the City Gates, down the bay to South street, thence along Central avenue to King street, thence into New Augustine, the distance of two miles. If the right kind of proposition is presented it will meet with favor by the city council.

To Test New License Law. Attorney Bryan, of Jacksonville, a few days ago in receipt of a telegram from Attorney General J. B. Whitfield asking him to represent Collector J. F. Geiger at Jacksonville in mandamus case to test the constitutionality of the recent license law, relative to the payment of licensees under the new law.

The collector was directed by the comptroller some time ago to collect licenses from the 4th of August to October 1st of this year, for not less than six months. In pursuance of this instruction from the comptroller to the collector, Solicitor Bryan gave notice that he would file informations against those who failed to secure licenses on or before Monday, the 17th day of August, Tuesday, the 18th of August, being plea day.

In consequence of this notice, a number of people secured licenses, but before the 17th inst. this mandamus suit was brought to test the validity of such a requirement, and Mr. Bryan then said he would not proceed until the mandamus case was decided by Judge Call.

The state board of education has elected to the State Normal School faculty Miss Anna Chaires, who is studying in New York, principal of the kindergarten department of the State Normal School, at DeFuniak Springs.

Miss Lucia McCulloch was elected teacher of nature study and biology in the same institution. She is studying in her special line at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. The teacher of the manual training and handicrafts department was not finally selected, but the board has under consideration applications from several of the best known and strongest teachers of this subject in the country.

The report of the exports which passed through the port of Tampa during the past week is a very gratifying one, and demonstrates conclusively that the phosphate and lumber industries are not suffering from the summer dullness. While the shipments were not numerous, they were uniformly large, and the week is well up with the average. This, with the unusually heavy shipments of the two previous weeks, places the month far ahead of the average. There were three consignments of phosphate during the week—one for France, one for England and one for New York. They aggregated 9,700 tons, valued at \$58,200. The average of the shipments was something over 3,200 tons, much larger than usual, most of the shipments averaging about 2,000 tons.

A man giving his name as Wilson, and claiming to be a representative of the United Fruit Company, is now being searched for by Pensacola officers. He is wanted for issuing a bogus draft on the above company. Wilson arrived in Pensacola some two weeks ago, and stopped at the Escambia hotel. He succeeded in getting some bogus checks cashed.

MODERN TACTICS.

Knicker—What caused that terrible fight between the truckman and the motorman?

Bocker—The truckman had established a peaceful blockade of the car track.—Puck.

FRIVOLOUS.

"That new Borelli coat has two tails."

"Beautiful equipment for fly time, isn't it?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

IDE SUCCEEDS WRIGHT.

Designated by President as Vice Governor of Philippines.

President Roosevelt has announced that Henry C. Ide, a member of the Philippine commission, would be designated as vice governor to succeed General Luke E. Wright, when General Wright assumes the office of governor general. Mr. Ide has been a member of the commission for several years and is held in high esteem by the president and members of the war department.

Son Begins Political Career Where His Noted Father Started Out. Colonel A. P. Gorman, Jr., the only son of United States Senator A. P. Gorman, was nominated by the Howard county, Maryland, democratic convention for the state senate, having won a decisive victory over his opponents. Colonel Gorman is 30 years of age and begins his political career where his father began thirty years ago.

TRUE TO BRYANISM

And to Kansas City Platform Democrats of Ohio Stand.

JOHNSON FOR GOVERNOR

State Convention Held in Columbus and Wholly Dominated by Forces of Cleveland's Mayor—The Ticket Named.

Tom Johnson, mayor of Cleveland, was nominated for governor of Ohio by acclamation by the democratic state convention held in Columbus Wednesday.

The Johnson program was carried out completely, although the opposition obstructed the proceedings with minority reports for some hours, the name of John L. Zimmerman, of Springfield, was not presented for gubernatorial nomination and then every nomination on the state ticket was made by acclamation without opposition.

Although "the fighting" was all over Tuesday night, the auditorium and galleries were packed long before W. J. Frey, chairman of the state convention committee, called the convention to order at 10:30 a. m.

The only reference made to national issues in the platform adopted reiterated allegiance to the Kansas City platform. W. J. Bryan was invited to speak in Ohio in support of the platform adopted.

Great demonstrations occurred at several places in the order of business, notably in the entry of Mayor Johnson, the presentation of his name for governor, his acceptance and participation in the endorsement of a candidate for Senator Hanna's place and those expecting a good exhibition were not disappointed. There were no portraits displayed in the hall as usual, and few of the faces of what are known as "old wheelers." Many of these "oldtimers" had been seen about the hotels during the week, but they were not delegates. Among those who were unseated were Lewis G. Bernard, leader of the democratic party at Cincinnati for a quarter of a century, and ex-Congressman J. A. Norton, who had frequently sounded the keynotes as chairman of former conventions. Formerly these men were cheered as they entered the hall.

The following is the ticket named: Governor, Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland; lieutenant governor, Frank B. Niles, of Toledo; attorney general, Frank V. Minnett, of Columbus; state treasurer, W. J. Dahl, of Washington Court House; auditor, Charles A. Knebe, of Wapakoneta; commissioner of schools, J. E. Scisat, of Ottawa; member board of public works, W. B. Jones, of Ironston; supreme judge, E. J. Dempsey, of Cincinnati; United States senator John H. Clarke, of Cleveland, was endorsed.

VESUVIUS EMITS LAVA.

Fierce Stream is Belched Forth Without the Least Warning.

The people of Naples and the environs witnessed a remarkable spectacle at noon Wednesday. One thousand feet below the central cone of Vesuvius the volcano opened like a huge mouth, out of which belched a fierce stream of lava, which ran down the side of the mountain.

The eruption occurred without any warning whatever. There was no earthquake, detonation or rain of ashes, nothing but a clear stream of lava and red hot stones, which were thrown to a height of 700 feet.

WARDEN ALLAGOOD IS OUT.

Georgia Prison Commission Has Not Yet Selected His Successor.

Deputy Warden J. T. Allagood left the Georgia state prison farm at Milledgeville, Thursday, his resignation having been accepted by the prison commission. This action was taken by the prison commission Wednesday, despite the fact that it has not yet been able to select a successor to the deputy warden, and will not do so until September 7.

NEW GLOBE-GIRDLING RECORD.

Henry Frederick Makes Tour Around the World in Fifty-Four Days.